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## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ROUTING MESSAGES IN A NETWORK

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method of routing a message in a network includes transmitting by a mobile station (105) a signaling connection establishment message (308) on a radio connection to a radio network controller (102) though a base station (104). The signaling connection establishment message can include a registration request message. Next the mobile station can receive a registration accept message (310) on the radio connection and can subsequently transmit an uplink signaling message (312) on the radio connection. The uplink signaling message from the mobile station can include a core network operator identifier (604).